आयुर्वेदिक औषधालय का खोला जाना

2856. **श्री अनन्तराय देवशंकर दवे:** क्या **स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार ने दिल्ली प्रशासन को दिल्ली में 300 बिस्तरों वाला एक आयुर्वेदिक औषधालय खोलने की अनुमति प्रदान की है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो यह औषधालय कब तक बन कर तैयार हो जाएगा तथा इसे रोगियों के लिए कब खोल दिया जाएगा ?

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती डी.के. तारादेवी सिद्धार्थ) : (क) जी, नहीं ।

(ख) उपर्युक्त (क) को देखते हुए यह प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

Gas victims

2857. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news-item captioned "Five gas victims die every week" as reported in the Hindustan Times of 1st December, 1991;

(b) whether it is a fact that the death of the gas victims is due to the inadequate medical attention; and

(c) if so, what steps Government propose to take to provide adequate medical care to the victims?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) As per information furnished by the Govt. of M. P. 4037 deaths have been certified till 30th November, 1991 as deaths due to Bhopal Gas Disaster after December, 1984.

(b) and (c) It is not correct to say that the deaths of Gas victims are due to inadequate medical care. To provide better health care to the Gas victims, the affected area was declared a separate medical district to which one Joint Director and One Chief Medical Officer had been posted to organise the health services. 12 Medical Institutions, including 3 Hospitals, 4 Investtigating centres and 5 Dispensaries are run by the State Government. In these Institutions about 4000 patients are attending the Out-Patients Department daily for their treatment and 185 beds are available for treating them as indoor patients under various Specialists. These hospitals are fully equipped for treattment of Gas related ailments.

Medical facilities for gas victims are further being strengthened, by construction of 540 bedded Kamla Nehru Hospital 100 bedded Sultania Zanna Hospital, 30 bedded Jahangirabad Hospital and 60 bedded centre for Pulmonary Medicines.

Use of Glycerin in Beer

2858. SHRI JOHN F. FERNANDES: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that beer manufacturers in the country are using glycerin to thicken beer breaw, which have ill effects on health;

(b) whether it is a fact that glycerin has been permitted to be used in this industry; and

(c) if so, what steps are being taken to ban the use of glycerin by some beer manufacturers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) No such report has come to the notice of the Government.

(b) and (c) The standards for beer formulated by Bureau of Indian Stand-